Action on cut motions—publication of.

302. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to inform.—

(a) Whether the Diwan has received in August 1933 a representation signed by many of the non-official Members of the Council requesting to pass and publish in the Gazette Proceedings of the Diwan on each and every cut motion passed by the Legislative Council, as in the case of resolution?

(b) whether of the orders passed thereon will be printed and placed on the Council table?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) Copy of the order is appended. (*Appendix III*).

Cut motions and resolutions—Constitutional Reforms.

303. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to mention—

(a) how many cut motions and resolutions were passed by the Legislative Council ever since its inauguration urging on or recommending to the Government to further Constitutional Reforms;

(b) the dates of passing them and the names of the movers

(c) what action has been taken by the Government with reference to each cut motion and resolution passed by the Council?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) (i)Cut motions 5.

(ii) Resolution 1.

(b) (i) The cut motions were passed by the Council on 1st August 1929, 1st August 1930, 5th August 1930, 23rd March 1931 and 28th November 1932. The first four were moved by Mr. A. B. Salem and the last one by Mr. K. T. Mathew.

(ii) Resolution by Mr. K. T. Mathew on 24th January 1934 Two cut motions of Mr. A. B. Salem were also passed by the Council on 6th August 1930 and 7th August 1930 repectively in which the question of Constitutional Reforms was casually referred to.

(c) Constitutional Reforms have been introduced from time to time. In the year 1106 the Council was given the privilege

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to elect the Deputy President. Recently the franchise for elections to the Council was enlarged. Fresh seats for election to the Legislative Council have also been opend.

Scheme of Constitutional Reforms.

304. Mr. K. T. Mathew.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) whether a petition, memorial or representation embodying a scheme of Constitutional Reforms to be introduced was submitted to the Diwan President in the Legislative Council signed by most of the non-official Members of the first Legislative Council;

(b) when and by whom was it prsented to the Diwan President;

(c) how many non-official Members had subscribed their signature thereto;

(d) whether the scheme of Constitutional Reforms presented will be printed and placed on the table;

(e) what action has been taken thereon?

Rama Varmha Tampuran.—(a) Yes.

(b) On 3rd August 1926 by some of the non-official Members of the Council. (*Appendix IV*).

(c) 28.

(d) Copy laid on the table.

(e) It was reserved for the consideration of the Government.

Respecting the wishes of the non-officials.

305. Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan.—Will the Government be pleased to state.—

(a) the occasions on which the Government had respected the wishes of the non-official majority (as distinguiseed from a majority of officials and nonofficials) even in cases where the non-official resolution has been lost by a vote of the whole House?

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